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East Rockville: Developing a Future Plan

The City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services heard from more than 130 residents at an open public meeting April 4 at Maryvale Elementary School. The discussion focused on updating the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan.

Developing an updated East Rockville Neighborhood Plan is among the 22 objectives set by Rockville's Mayor and Council for their term.

This plan, formerly known as the Croydon Park Neighborhood Plan, has not been updated since 1982. This is the start of an effort to address neighborhood plans around the City. Rockville will be updating the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan as well this year.

“The residents of East Rockville enjoy the neighborhood's character and diversity, but are concerned how future changes will affect the stability of East Rockville.”

— Jim Wasilak,
Rockville's Chief of Long-range Planning

The neighborhood plan that emerges likely will address future land use and zoning, public facilities, traffic and transportation, and housing and revitalization. The East Rockville Neighborhood Plan is of particular priority because it will include recommendations for the future of the Stonestreet Avenue industrial corridor and the eastern portion of the Rockville Metro Station.

The East Rockville Neighborhood Plan will generally affect neighborhoods that lie between the Rockville Metro Station and First Street. This includes the subdivisions of Brown's Addition, Burgundy Hills, Burgundy Knolls, Burgundy Village, Croydon Park, England's Second Addition, Harriet Park, Janeta, Maryvale, Redgate Farms, Rockdale and Rockville Park.

“I think this first meeting showed that residents of East Rockville enjoy the neighborhood's character and diversity, but are concerned how future changes will affect the stability of East Rockville,” said Jim Wasilak, Rockville's Chief of Long-range Planning. “Although no one at this meeting expressed opposition to redevelopment along Stonestreet Avenue, residents wanted to be sure that future development was planned and managed. And the Neighborhood Plan can do that.”

Developing the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan will involve a public process, including an advisory group composed of neighborhood representation. ❖

CALL 301-309-3200 FOR MORE INFO

Looking Ahead to FY 2003

The proposed FY 2003 City of Rockville budget strongly reflects the five goals the Mayor and Council have set for their term, and the 22 action items they identified to support those goals.

Since their election in November, Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Robert E. Dorsey, John F. Hall, Jr., Susan R. Hoffmann and Anne M. Robbins have aggressively sought input from Rockville residents and the City's business community. Those efforts produced 11 Guiding Principles the Mayor and Council followed in formulating its goals.

On Page 2 of this edition of Rockville Reports, the Mayor and Council's Guiding Principles, goals and supporting action items are clearly spelled out.

The special four-page insert summarizes the proposed FY 2003 budget that City Manager Mark Pentz presented to the Mayor and Council on April 8. The insert



Mayor Larry Giammo meeting with residents at a Community Summit in February.

includes a timeline of the budget process, including the key dates for public hearings and public work sessions. The final version of the budget is scheduled to be adopted by the Mayor and Council on June 10. ❖



HOMETOWN holidays

Memorial Day Weekend May 25-27

Stay in Rockville for the Holidays!

- ★ Performances by **REO Speedwagon**, the **Duke Ellington Orchestra**, the **Fabulous Hubcaps** and **Jeff Ball**
- ★ **Laser show, fireworks, Jolly Shows Carnival, Xtreme Air Stunt Show, NASA Space Exhibit, arts and crafts festival, food** and much more
- ★ Sunday, May 26: **“Ride for Rockville”** and **Pedalfest**, a community celebration of cycling
- ★ Monday, May 27: **58th Annual Memorial Day Parade**. “A Tribute to American Heroes” marching bands, clowns, community floats and more

Admission is free! Call 301-309-3334 for more information.

The Mayor and Council of Rockville invite you to the annual Rockville State of the City Address

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive

7:15 a.m. – Breakfast with the Mayor and Council (\$10 per person)

8:30 a.m. – State of the City Address by Mayor Larry Giammo (no charge)

Coordinated by: Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Greater Rockville Partnership

For further information, contact the Rockville Chamber of Commerce
at 301-424-9300 or Rockville@Rockville.org

Calendar of Events

City Events

3 Bike to Work Day. 6:30-8:30 a.m. Pit stop at the County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street. Free breakfast and T-shirt.

3 Opening of Rockville Little Theatre Production of “We Won’t Pay, We Won’t Pay.” Full schedule: May 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8 p.m. May 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 General Admission. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 301-545-5660.

4 Bike Safety Rally. 1-4 p.m. Croydon Creek Nature Center. Free safety activities.

5 Sunday Afternoon Concert. The Rockville Singers. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. Free. Call 301-309-3354.

5-28 Rockville Art League Juried Members Show. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Opening reception May 5. 1-4 p.m. Call 301-309-3354.

15 Public Meeting on I-270 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge. 7 p.m. Beall Elementary School, 451 Beall Avenue. Call 301-315-6507.

18 Off-Leash Testing. Certification for dogs to walks without a leash. 10-11:30 a.m. Middle Lane parking lot. Call 301-309-3115 to register.

19 Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic. 10-11:30 a.m. Montgomery County Animal Shelter. 14645 Rothgeb Drive. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Police, Animal Services Division.

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19 Rockville Community Chorus presents “A Spring Kaleidoscope of Song.” 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

26 “Ride for Rockville.” Bicycle event starts anytime between 9-11 a.m. at PedalFest site at Hometown Holidays. Choose from a six- or 20-mile route. Proceeds benefit youth recreation programs. Registration forms available at City Hall or on www.ci.rockville.md.us. Call 301-309-3182.

27 Memorial Day Parade: “Tribute to American Heroes.” 10:30 a.m. Call 301-545-5636.

27 Memorial Day Holiday. No trash or recycling pick-ups.

28 Science Day 2002. Rockets, robots, snakes, birds, computers, chemistry and weather exhibits to fascinate all ages. Theater Arts and Fine Arts Building of Montgomery College-Rockville. 12 noon-5 p.m. Free.

For Seniors
Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Programs with an activity number require registration. For further information, call 301-309-3025.

1 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

2 Veteran’s Group. 10 a.m. Guest speaker Lt. Col. Markus Ring will speak about the “Zimmerman Telegram.” Free.

8 Collage Keepsakes. 10 a.m. \$15 members / \$20 nonmembers.

9 Funeral Planning. 10:15 a.m.

9 Marvelous May Basket. 1 p.m. \$15 members / \$18 nonmembers.

9 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

14 Reader’s Group. 7 p.m. Free. Activity #3868.

15 Classical Music. 1 p.m. Free. Activity #3690.

16 Heart Health. 1 p.m.

17 Update on Macular Degeneration. 11:30 a.m.

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Special Summary of Mayor and Council 2002-03 Goals

Many Ideas and Views Sought In Formulating Plan For Rockville’s Future

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Robert E. Dorsey, John F. Hall, Jr., Susan R. Hoffmann and Anne M. Robbins, since their election in November, have aggressively sought ideas on Rockville’s past and views of the City’s future. Over the past six months, the Mayor and Council have attended countless meetings held by many of Rockville’s 52 independent neighborhood associations.

The Mayor and Council members have met with representatives of civic associations and Rockville’s active business community. And on Feb. 20, they hosted a community summit in order to solicit further input from citizens and help prioritize the City’s most urgent needs.

All of these efforts enabled the Mayor and Council to formulate a concept of guiding principles that will direct policy and decision making for their 2002-03 term. The Mayor and Council have set five priority goals they intend to pursue, and those goals are supported by a total of 22 action items.

Below are the Mayor and Council’s 11 guiding principles and five priority goals. Listed under each goal are respective supporting action items.

This month’s Rockville Reports special insert on the proposed City of Rockville FY 2003 budget explains in more detail how funding intends to support these goals.



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Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Robert E. Dorsey



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor and Council Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles Will Direct Policy and Decision Making

- Redevelop The Town Center to serve as the vibrant community center
- Preserve the integrity and character of Rockville’s many neighborhoods
- Encourage citizens to have a voice in City government
- Celebrate the diverse cultures in our community
- Protect our natural resources and greenspaces
- Leverage and preserve Rockville’s heritage
- Communicate Rockville’s unique, recognizable and positive identity that is distinctive from others
- Sustain Rockville as a friendly, interactive community with a small town feeling
- Provide a great place to live and raise a family
- Ensure that development enhances the quality of life for residents
- Promote the principles of Smart Growth for a sustainable community

Five Long-Term Goals and Supporting Action Items

Plan is to Address and Accomplish All Within the Next Year

VIBRANT TOWN CENTER TC

The Mayor and Council have identified revitalization of Rockville’s Town Center as their No. 1 priority. The Town Center will be a focal point and gathering place for the Rockville community, with a mix of retail, office, restaurant, entertainment, civic and residential uses. *Actions that will support a Vibrant Town Center include:*

- Town Center Development Agreement completed
- Rockville Library design
- Financial Participation: county, state, federal
- Town Center Parking District Strategy: plan and approval

BETTER MOBILITY

Protecting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, easing traffic congestion, exploring alternative means of transportation and working toward completion of the master plan that will make Rockville a model urban community are the focus of this goal. *Actions that will support Better Mobility include:*

- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan 2002
- Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)
- Cut Through Traffic Strategy: problem evaluation and action plan

- Shuttle Service: Town Center pilot
- Bikeway Master Plan implementation

SUPERIOR CITY SERVICES

The Mayor and Council are committed to maintaining outstanding services, working on improvements where needed and exploring new avenues to better help City residents. To maintain premium level of services, the City must continue to recruit and retain a high quality workforce and use technology as a tool to make services more accessible to the public.

Actions that will support Superior City Services include:

- E-government: IT investments, Web improvements, searchable Web site, online payments
- Police Services: evaluation and future direction
- City Space: analysis of plans and options, future direction with funding
- Organization and Management Audits: process and direction

STRENGTHENED NEIGHBORHOODS

Rockville has long taken pride in being a City of strong, active neighborhoods. The City’s 52 neighborhoods share similar concerns, but each also has its own individual needs and desires. This goal of the Mayor and

Council will work toward helping neighborhoods maintain and improve their character. *Actions that will support Strengthened Neighborhoods include:*

- Neighborhood Plans
- Land use in residential areas
- Moore Drive redevelopment
- Code Enforcement: problem analysis, outcome, and upgraded code and program
- Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy: evaluation and policy direction (aging homes, older commercial areas)

ROCKVILLE: COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND PRIDE

Rockville’s identity and pride are defined, in part, by active and engaged citizens. This goal states that continued citizen involvement is a priority and maintains the intent of reviewing certain policies and procedures to ensure they reflect the current views of Rockville residents. *Actions to support Rockville: Community Identity and Pride include:*

- Charter Review: election process
- Campaign Policy: evaluation and revisions
- Boards and Commissions: evaluation, purposes, processes
- Neighborhood and Civic Associations: strategy for working together, with the City of Rockville

‘Care Bears’
Plus ‘Lucky Ducks’
Equal Smiles for
Children

Rockville’s Police Department has built a strong reputation for its community policing efforts, and an outstanding example of that well-thought-out program occurs when a Rockville Police Officer comes across a child in a distressed situation. That is when Rockville’s Teddy Bear Program makes an impact. Officers keep stuffed animals in their patrol cars, and upon arriving at a situation involving a child, the officer quickly presents a stuffed animal to the child. When the program started more than a decade ago, the Police Department purchased bears. More recently, Rockville Police have seen community groups get involved to help supply stuffed animals. And when a Community Service class at Julius West Middle School learned about the program, the Teddy Bear Program became even more of a collaborative community effort. The class of boys and girls, directed by Cindy Gilman and Jan



Scollick, got to work, stitching and stuffing more than 80 “Care Bears” and “Lucky Ducks.” They presented the stuffed creations—complete with ‘biographies’ of each animal written by the students—to the Police Department in March.

BEARS ON THE MOVE: Pictured left, top: A Julius West Middle School student knee-deep in the many stuffed bears and ducks created by the school’s Community Service class. Pictured left, bottom: The bears then made an impact in the Pediatric Ward of Shady Grove Hospital. Helping brighten the spirits of sick children were Rockville Police Officers, left to right, Officer Ali Zeighani, Corporal Richard Siegelman and Corporal Kenneth Matney.

“The bears are great,” said Corporal Kenneth Matney “They are a really useful tool to calm children and get them to trust you.” The Teddy Bear Program has been so well embraced by the community that an extra inventory of bears recently prompted the City Police to share their good fortune. In April, police officers visited the Pediatric Ward at Shady Grove Hospital – bears in tow – to brighten the day of sick children and their families. “This is the best part of the job,” said Matney.

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- 17** Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. – 12 noon.
 - 22** Embroidered Painting. 6:30 p.m. \$15 members / \$20 nonmembers.
 - 23** Easy & Elegant Earrings. 12:30 p.m. \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers. Activity # 3779.
 - 23** Angel of Freedom Wreath. 1 p.m. \$18 members / \$23 nonmembers. Activity #3776.
 - 24** Colorectal Cancer Screening. 1 p.m.
 - 27** Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
 - 28** In-Person Lottery Registration for Summer Trips Begins. 10:15 a.m.
 - 29** Senior Center Health and Fitness Fair. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Screenings, product demonstrations, food samples and a fitness walk starting at 10 a.m.

In Brief

Tee Times at RedGate

RedGate Municipal Golf Course now accepts reservations for tee times – including on the day of play – after 9:30 a.m. (except when the club is booked for a function.) Reservations can be made for up to two foursomes, when secured by a credit card. Other changes this year include a new promotion that will provide a free round of green fees for players who play five rounds Monday through Thursday. Upcoming tournaments include the annual Rockville Open on July 12-13. The field is limited to 104 handicap players that will be formed into six flights, including the championship flight. An “Octoberfest” series on four consecutive weekends in October will highlight the fall calendar.

CALL 301-309-3055 FOR MORE INFO

Pike’s Peek 10K

The Montgomery County Road Runners’ seventh annual Pike’s Peek 10-kilometer run will take place on Sunday, April 28, in and around Rockville. The race begins at 8 a.m. at the Redland Road entrance to the Shady Grove Metro station. The 6.2-mile route will extend along the northbound lanes of Rockville Pike (Route 355) to the finish line in front of White Flint Mall. Motorists travelling northbound on Rockville Pike, and those intending to cross Rockville Pike east-west, should expect brief delays until 10 a.m. Limited race day entries will be accepted for \$30.

CALL 301-460-8888 FOR MORE INFO

SAVE THE DATE!
HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS
MAY 25, 26, & 27

Asian Heritage Month

More Asian-Americans are living in Rockville than ever before. In celebration of the 23rd annual Asian Heritage Month, students from the Asian-American Community Club will sponsor a cultural and historical display on May 1 at Rockville High School and on May 6 at the Rockville Senior Center.

CALL 301-309-3393 FOR MORE INFO

National Bike Month

The City is celebrating **National Bike Month** during May with some great events. On Friday, May 3, **Bike to Work Day** will give riders a chance to get refreshed at Rockville’s pit stop at the County Executive Office Building (101 Monroe Street) from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. They will receive a free T-shirt and breakfast. On Saturday, May 4, a **Bike Safety Rally** will held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, behind the Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park. The rally will feature free activities including an obstacle course and a safety house to teach children about household and fire safety. To raise money for youth recreation funds, the **‘Ride for Rockville’** will be held on Sunday, May 26, as part of the Hometown Holidays celebration. Riders can choose between a six-mile or a 20-mile route. They can start anytime between 9 to 11 a.m. The ride begins and ends at the Pedalfest site in Town Center.

Registration forms are available at Rockville City Hall or on the City’s Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. Registration fees are \$18 (adults) and \$12 (children under 12) until May 10. Late registration – accepted through May 26 – is \$25 (adults) and \$18 children (under 12).

CALL 301-309-3182 FOR MORE INFO


Para Ud.

La entrada es gratis

- Llame al 301-309-3337 para más información
- Presentaciones musicales de REO Speedwagon, el Conjunto de Duke Ellington, los Fabulous Hubcaps y Jeff Ball
 - Espectáculos de rayos láser, fuegos artificiales, carnaval de Jolly Shows, maniobras aéreas por Xtreme, exhibición espacial de NASA, festival de artesanía, y mucho más.
 - Domingo, 26 de Mayo, participe en “Ride for Rockville” y “Pedalfest,” una celebración del ciclismo.
 - Lunes, 27 de Mayo: El quincuagésimo octavo desfile de Memorial Day en Rockville: Un homenaje a los héroes americanos, y va a incluir una orquesta, payasos, y carrozas.

¡Ahorre agua!

La Ciudad de Rockville está fuera del las restricciones de agua que fueron anunciadas en el 5 de abril por el gobernador estatal, Parris N. Glendening. Sin embargo, la ciudad de Rockville le urge que voluntariamente ayude a conservar el agua cuando le sea posible.



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Conserve Water

The City of Rockville is specifically exempt from the mandatory water restrictions announced through an Executive Order by Governor Parris N. Glendening on April 5. However, Rockville residents are still encouraged to voluntarily reduce water usage and conserve water whenever possible. Although the Potomac River (from which Rockville draws its water) is low for this time of year, flow is still sufficient to meet the needs of the metropolitan Washington area.

Science Day is April 28

Building rockets and operating robots. Snakes and birds. Computers, chemistry and the weather. All that and more will be part of Science Day 2002 on Sunday, April 28, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Theater Arts and Fine Arts building of the Rockville campus of Montgomery College. The day of free events will include innovative demonstrations from the group “Mad Science,” which strives to make science fun for all ages. Science Day is co-sponsored by the Rockville Consortium for Science, the City of Rockville, Montgomery College-Rockville and General Electric Information Services. For more information, call 301-279-0625.



May Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mayor & Council Live

May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing #2
May 13, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
May 20, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
May 28 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Mayor & Council Roundtable (tentative)

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Mon.-Sat., 1 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

City Manager's Budget Presentation

Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.

Every 15 Minutes

Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.
Daily, 7 a.m., 11:30 p.m.

State of the City (Begins May 21)

Wed.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.,
8:30 p.m.
Mon.-Sat., 2 p.m.
Daily, 11 p.m.

Nature Center

Wed.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Sat., Sun., 2:30 p.m.
Sun.-Tues., 7 p.m.

African American Heritage From Acorn to Oak: Our Children, Our Future

Mon., Tues., 10 a.m.
Sat., Sun., 1 p.m.
Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for General Sessions on March 25 and April 8.

On March 25, the Mayor and Council:

- Declared the months of April and May as 2002 Police Chief's Challenge Months.
- Presented awards to 15 homeowners recognized for improving the exteriors of their properties under the Twinbrook Property Maintenance Initiative.
- Temporarily appointed Larry Owens to the Board of Appeals for April 13 meeting.
- Adopted ordinance to change the zoning of 710 West Montgomery Avenue (Mrs. Rickett's Cottage) to the Historic District.
- Approved application by the Redland Tech Center to amend the zoning ordinance to permit parking in I-2 zoned land in support of general office use located on abutting land zoned I-3.
- Adopted ordinance to grant street closing and abandonment application for a 25,227-square-foot parcel of right-of-way between Martha Terrace and Woodmont Country Club.
- Adopted resolution to extend the Wootton I Permit Parking District (9 a.m. to 12 noon on school days) to encompass Greenplace Terrace from Wootton Parkway to Trail House Court and Duncan Branch Court.
- Adopted resolution to extend the Wootton I Permit Parking District to include Hurley Avenue between Sherbrook Way and Bouldercrest Court.
- Adopted resolution to extend the Wootton I Permit Parking District to include Old Creek Court and Bunker Court.
- Approved the selection of the Vanguard Explorer Fund as a replacement investment option under the defined contribution portion of the City's employee pension plan.

On April 8, the Mayor and Council:

- Declared April 21 as Arbor Day.
- Appointed Steven Johnson to the Board of Appeals until April 1, 2005.
- Appointed Catherine Ostell to the Planning Commission until April 1, 2007.
- Appointed John Britton to the Planning Commission until November 1, 2007.
- Was presented with the FY 2003 budget proposal by City Manager Mark Pentz.
- Approved bid of \$28,563 to G.L. Cornell Company for the purchase of a light-weight fairway mower.
- Increased the limit of price agreement with Long Fence Company Inc. by \$50,000 for fence repairs, news installations and special fencing applications.
- Approved bid of \$267,143 to Total Engineering, Inc. for construction of water main improvements on Chapman and Thompson avenues.
- Approved bid of \$526,000 to EMH Environmental Inc. for rehabilitation of mixed-media filters at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Modified bid \$53,938 for additional work identified during the design of the

Mayor and Council Meetings

- May 6:** Public Hearing on Budget, 7:30 p.m.
- May 13:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- May 20:** Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.
- May 28 (Tuesday):** General Session, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on Page 4 for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m.

when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City's Clerk Office as drop in times are subject to change. Call 301-309-3310.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in May are:

- May 13:** Bob Dorsey
- May 20:** John Hall
- May 28:** Susan Hoffmann



Councilmember
Bob Dorsey

Glen Mill Road Pump Station and the rehabilitation / replacement of the pumping system at the Water Treatment Plant.

- Approved participation in the City's regional stormwater management program. Accepted a \$77,600 contribution to the Stormwater Management Fund.
- Introduced ordinance to grant zoning map amendment application to change the zoning of 1350 Baltimore Road, 28.64 acres of land known as the Rockville Cemetery, to the Historic District.
- Introduced ordinance to amend Chapter 13.5 ("Moderately Priced Housing") to explore a Planned Residential Unit for the redevelopment of an existing public housing project with the same number of units as previously existed.
- Introduced ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for FY 2003. The proposed real property tax rate is \$0.322 per \$100 of assessed valuation (same as FY 2002) and the proposed personal property tax rate is \$0.805 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Introduced ordinance to amend the City Code to increase the water consumption charge from \$1.85 to \$1.92 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2002.
- Introduced ordinance to amend the City Code to increase the sewer usage charge

from \$3.25 to \$3.38 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2002.

- Introduced resolution to increase the refuse charge from \$22.25 to \$23.75 per month, effective July 1, 2002.
- Awarded contract to REO Speedwagon for \$50,000 for Saturday, May 25, evening entertainment at Hometown Holidays 2002.
- Authorized staff to file a historic district application to rezone 19,965 square feet of land at 117 South Van Buren Street to the Historic District.
- Adopted ordinance to approve text amendment application filed by Redland Tech Center to permit parking in I-2 zoned land in support of general office use located on abutting I-3 zoned land.
- Instructed staff on text amendment to Section 25-437, regarding requiring screening or underground installation of transformers or equipment lockers and requiring underground installation of utility lines.

Boards and Commissions May Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted

May 1 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

May 8 (Wednesday)

Cultural Arts Meeting, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Bike Advisory Meeting, 7:15 p.m.

May 14 (Tuesday)

Human Services Commission, 7:30 p.m.
(32 Courthouse Square)
Science, Technology & Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.

May 15 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

May 16, (Thursday)

Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.

May 21, (Tuesday)

Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.

May 22, (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

May 28, (Tuesday)

Traffic & Transportation Commission, 7 p.m.

May 29 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

Bike Bridge Meeting

Plans are moving forward on one of the most exciting transportation projects in the history of Rockville — a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge that will cross I-270 at Maryland Route 28. This new bridge will help connect West Rockville with Town Center and is a critical link in Rockville's growing network of paths and bike routes.

The City is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., at Beall Elementary School (451 Beall Avenue) to discuss the design proposal and scope of the project. The public is encouraged to attend and give input.

CALL **301-315-6507** FOR MORE INFO